

# GEE AITCH 43

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## Langley Field Here Today

### BASEBALL.

Langley Field vs. locals today—home field. All out! Boost!

### HISTORIC YORKTOWN THE CLOSING BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The Opening Battle of the War Between the States.

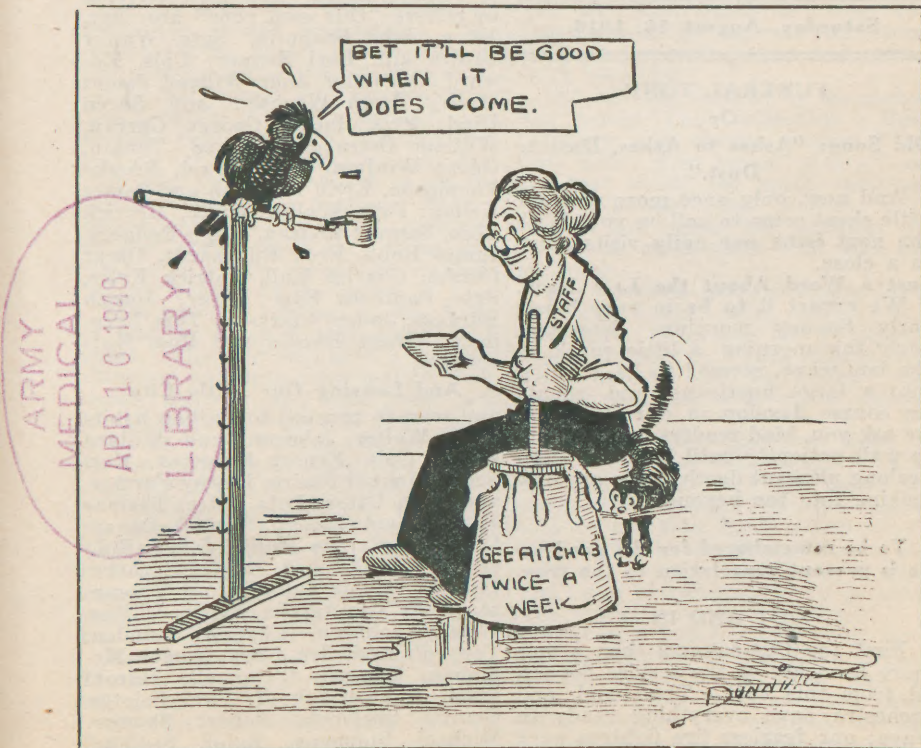
(By Chaplain Ed. P. McAdams.)

On August 19th, 1781, Washington paraded his troops before King's

Bridge, New York, in full view of the British in the city, wheeled to the "Right about", and leaving Clinton the Commander in Chief of the British Forces in America, under the impression that he was "bottled up" in New York City, marched on to Yorktown.

It is of interest that this march ranks as one of the great strategic feats of all time, and that on this march Washington who had not seen Mt. Vernon for six years rode at the speed of sixty miles a day in advance

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## FUNERAL TONE.

Or

Old Song: "Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust."

And now, only once more will our little sheet come to call on you. With the next issue our daily visits come to a close.

### Just a Word About the Last Issue.

We expect it to be in your hands early Sunday morning. However, early this morning, a little speck on the landscape, seemed to be growing into a large hurricane, and, should its course develop in our direction, we ask you, kind readers, one and all, to wait patiently until Monday. "To prolong pleasant death." We are now looking into the beyond.

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To be remembered for the good we do is present consolation to the true.

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## OUT AND IN.

First the Cue-embers then a few more branches of the service departed from this Post. The band and orchestra have everything ready to leave; our fearless fire fighters gave

the last look; and now, our manly upholders of the law and order of our little city have gone, replaced by regulars. Our little hospital city is now only a skeleton of what it was and pretty soon we will be shaking hands with ourselves in the early dawn, only the shell of our old society.

One by one the inhabitants have departed and the time comes now when bunches walk away with the smile that "won't come off" leaving we uns here thinking "how they get that way." A detachment of infantrymen of Company M, 12th infantry, from Camp Stuart, who were stationed here, departed Wednesday evening to Camp Stuart and from there we understand, received their discharges.

A detachment of thirty-eight composed of men from Companies E and G of the same infantry, came here to replace them. The men arriving to relieve "Our own cops" are: Sgt. 1st c. John Szaputia, Sgts. Walter Brown and Earl Senner; Cpls. Edward Alexander, John Widner, James Harley, Leon Wechsler and Soren Hind; Pvts. 1st c. George Curran, William Ostranger, Alfred Tankin, Odeas Winjum, Carl Trexel, Brooke Thompson, Elvin Peterson and James Kellog; Pvts. Walter White, Merrick Rose, Samuel Rodsky, Hugh Rodgers, James Robb, Fred Burkhardt, Oscar Combs, Charles Hall, Patrick Kelly, Pete Pantezes Earl Boyer, Joseph Burgess, James Clarkson, Tom Freeman, Robert Hardin and Ross Hutchinson.

### And Leaving Our Little City

and soon to proceed to civilian habits Sgts. Walter Johnson, and Willard Soper, Cpls. Ernest Sangston, Earl Scott, Manuel Prairo, Dewey Farmer, and Arda Utter; Pvts. 1st c. Thomas Bass, David Beach, Samuel Davey, Dave Grizzle, Im Pruitt, James Roberts, Peter Sheperd, Robert Sprouce, Charles Taylor and Clifford Thompson; Pvts. Ole Aalvila, Martin Dillion, Walter Johnson, Charles Lamden, Tony Pulaski, Ira Nash, James McMahon, Edward O'Donnell, Harold Reed, August Schopf, Paul Scotte, George Shelvack, Robert Shomer, Michael Simmons, Ralph Stelling,



Benjamin Sutton, Erie Thor, Norman Upson, William Valentine and Charlie Wolpers.

Sgt. 1st c. P. J. Ward being the only one of Company M left at this Post. Sgt. Ward retains the same capacity as before.

Boys, we miss you. Our praise of you mingle with sad farewell tears. Adieux!

### YORKTOWN EXCURSION COMMITTEE MEETS AND ARRANGES "STUNT" PROGRAM

Chaplain McAdams, Chairman of the committee arranging the Yorktown Excursion, conducted a meeting with the members yesterday afternoon. The purpose was to lay out a program of stunts and activities for the day and to arrange for prizes to be given winners of the events. An extensive program was decided upon including nominal prizes that should make the events interesting. The prizes will be announced as soon as the sub-committee on prizes can arrange their extent and denomination. The program of events decided upon to date includes a hill climbing contest on arrival at Yorktown, the first lady and the first man to reach the top to receive each a prize. Then a swimming contest, baseball throwing contest, three-legged race in bathing suits and needle races will be held for the benefit of the ladies.

The patients selected by the J. W. B. and the K. of C. will stage a ball game. The men will have a baseball throwing and swimming contest. Tub, canoe, obstacle, and shoe races, will be conducted. High and broad jump contests, too. Boxing and wrestling on the boat. Prize waltz, too. **NOW ALL TOGETHER—GET READY.**

Chaplain McAdams has furnished for readers a historical account of Yorktown which appears elsewhere.

It is aimed to make the trip as attractive as possible, leaving no idle moment from the time the boat leaves the local docks 'till its late return.

Get your tickets **NOW**—(Only a Dollar) and be in readiness for the big event.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th IS THE DAY!**

### PASSING OF NEWMAN COMPANY

—Farewell Show a Big Winner.

With a first class vaudeville show entitled "Too Many Cooks," the Frank Newman Company made its last appearance at the local show house Thursday evening. The vaudeville show was one of the best seen at this Post and won the theatre fans in a body.

Frank Newman and his Merry Casino Girls have given in the neighborhood of twelve shows to the dwellers of this Post, each being entirely different and always welcomed. Too much credit cannot be given them for the successful efforts they have made to please local audiences.

Thursday night's show was real live, snappy comedy and met with approval of all. The comedy act, "Too Many Cooks," with Mr. Newman as Man of the House, Miss Nellie Wood as the Mistress, Billy Lightelle and Jack Burke as cooks, and Tom Fant as the waitress comprising the cast was well played and caused much laughter.

The opening number by the chorus was catchy and delightful. Billy Lightelle and chorus singing "The Only Girl I Ever Loved" was a number that called for much applause. Mrs. Newman and chorus with "Won't get home 'till morning" as their song made quite a hit with the audience.

The Harmony trio, Newman, Lightelle and Burke came across with some nifty songs and had to answer repeated encores. Jack Burke and chorus singing "n everything" was another number well worth special mention.

Billy Lightelle and Tom Fant in their vocal duet "We Want to Kiss 'em That's All" took the house by storm and repeated encores called both to the foot lights many times. Billy Lightelle and Mrs. Newman put over a winner with "Cause I Love You" and had the audience on their toes throughout this number.

Fant and Buckley with their song and dance duet was another winner and applauded much. The line of talk throughout the show was good, clever comedy and enjoyed by all. A fond farewell, friends.



**HISTORIC YORKTOWN.**

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of the Army in order to spend three days on the beautiful estate which he had inherited from his half brother Lawrence.

Cornwallis after an inglorious campaign, on orders from Clinton, sailed from Wilmington, North Carolina, and selected Yorktown as a site for a base for future operation for both the Army and the Fleet. This site was selected because it resembled Quebec and was considered impregnable from the water and with the aid of a fleet could stand an everlasting siege from the land side.

The original name of the site was Chesiack, given by the Indians of that name who occupied it. Likewise the river bore the name of Pamunkey after the Indians who dominated that section through which it flows. The name of the site was changed about the year 1630, and the town was established in 1691 by act of the Virginia Assembly.

The Allied Armies—the American under Lafayette a Youth of twenty-one, and the French under Rochambeau, and numbering about sixteen thousand, almost equally divided between the two Armies encamped before Yorktown on September 28th, 1781, and on October 5th of that year entrenched within six hundred yards of the enemies redoubts.

The siege lasted eleven days and at the end of that time Cornwallis tried to ferry his troops under cover of night across to Gloucester Point but a violent storm dispersed them.

The siege from the river side was conducted vigorously by the French fleet numbering twenty-five ships of the Line, with seven thousand troops all under command of De Grasse.

On October 19th, 1781, Cornwallis capitulated and feigning illness presented his sword by the hand of his Adjutant General O'Hara, to General Lincoln, the hero of Charleston, who was designated by Washington to receive it. Lincoln was selected to atone to him for the humiliation which he suffered when he presented his own sword to Clinton at the sur-

render of Charleston on May 12th, 1780.

Participating in this famous battle and standing on a spot now marked by a small monument to the Southeast of the cemetery, to review the conquered troops as they marched down the road to "Ground Arms" between the victorious armies, were the illustrious Washington, Steuben the great engineer and drill master of the American Army, General Knox, Mad Anthony Wayne, and Lt. Col. Alexander Hamilton who had led the first glorious assault on the enemy's defense. The British taken numbered seven thousand. It is generally conceded that the story of Cornwallis hiding in the cave which bears his name, and is to be found on the shore level, is fictitious.

Whilst the war was considered as closed by the Battle and Victory of Yorktown yet it may be of interest to note in these our parlous times that the Article of Peace were not signed until November 30th, 1782, and the Final Treaty was not executed 'till September 3rd, 1783.

The news of the Victory of Yorktown was carried by a courier of Washington staff, Tench Tilghman, to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, and it has been claimed that he made the trip in three days.

A very interesting incident connected with the Centennial celebration of the battle on October 19th, 1881 was the entwining of the Colors and Standards of the United States, France and England. A salute was also fired in honor of England's Flag to show the re-establishment of kindly feeling and good fellowship between the United States and England.

This courtesy was extended by order of President Arthur in acknowledgement of the sympathy which England manifested on the murder of President Garfield. (To be continued.)

Editor's Note: Account of the Yorktown Battle of '62, will appear in a subsequent issue.